federation of Indian Industry. Department of Science and Technology have also set up Technology Data bases in certain sectors through the Technology Information, Forecastings Assessment Council (TIFAC).

(c) The incentives presently available are:

(i) Income tax relief on research and development expenditure;

(ii) Accelerated depreciation allowance for plant and machinery which are set up, based on indigenous technology;

(iii) Exemption from price control for bulk drugs manufactured based on indigenous technology;

(iv) National Awards for outstanding in-house research and development achievements.

(d) The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) in its scheme "Programmes Aimed At Technological Self Reliance (PATSER)" interalia promotes and provides catalytic support to research, design and engineering products undertaken by industrial units for modernisation by absorption and upgradation of imported technology. Under this scheme, 18 projects have already been completed with DSIR's contribution of Rs. 307.57 lakhs.

3002. [*Transferred to 29th March, 1993*]

Interest shown by US/UK companies in joint ventures

3003. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some United States. United Kingdom companies have shown interest in joint ventures in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they have submitted proposal to Goverment in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof, country-wise; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir.

The details of the total foreign direct investment in joint ventures in India proposed by American and British companies in approvals issued by the Government are as under:

Year	No. of approvals involving foreign investment.		Total foreign investment (Rs. in million)	
	USA	UK	USA	UK
1991	53	15	1858.5	321.0
1992	154	44	12315.0	1176.7
1993 (upto Feb.)	14	9	14775.8	515.0